

**GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**March 19, 2012**

The Graduate Council met at 12:30pm in 129 Himes Hall with the following members present: Byerly (ex officio), Culross, Hirschheim, Kelso, and Nardo.

**Minutes of December 7, 2011**

Minutes were approved for the December 7, 2011 meeting. Hirschheim moved for approval, Kelso seconded, and the motion was carried.

**Dean's Report**

Byerly welcomed new council members, Anna Nardo and Rita Culross, and thanked them for their willingness to serve on the Graduate Council.

The Online Degree Initiative committee is preparing an RFP for the University to send to vendors. The degree programs will be offered online with an external vendor. The start of these programs will be next academic year.



The Faculty Senate's proposal to have the Graduate Council elected and not appointed may come back through the Council for discussion. The Graduate Council is an advisory committee to the Graduate School Dean.

## Routine Business

### **Standing Committee Reports**

**Promotion and Tenure Committee:** The committee reviewed one packet last week. Gaunt is the new committee chair. The busy time for this committee will be in December.

**Graduate Faculty:** No report.

**Awards Committee:** Lemieux, committee chair, reported the committee has already reviewed EDA and Perkins Awards. The Dissertation Fellowship awards are due in April.

## Old Business

**Master Degree Changes:** has been deferred to the April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## New Business

**Biological Sciences and Geology Departments proposals to participate in the Wetland Ecology and Restoration minor:** The minor is in effect and these departments would like to be added to the existing minor. There is an established committee to oversee the minor. Hirschheim moved to approve, Euba seconded, and the motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Recorded by:

Approved by:

*Chantelle Collier*

*Cory Buerly*

Chantelle Collier, Assistant to the Dean

Cory Buerly, Dean, Graduate School